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DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IS SHOWING PEP

Our consuls are emphatically on the job. The "pep" which the republican administration has put into the public service has been felt in that branch of it which deals with foreign affairs. The daily number of consular reports received by the department in commerce has grown from 75 to 125 in the course of the past few months.

The department of commerce looks upon a marked extension of foreign trade activities during the coming year as a result of favorable action taken by congress in abolishing an embargo on approximately 50 per cent of this part of the department's appropriations. The department will state that the program for the coming year will be carried out in accordance with the strength which the extension of the program has given to the overseas staff as well as to the change of district offices throughout the United States and the headquarters in Washington. The trade negotiators made use of under the republican administration to give facilities a lot of credit at public expense will be devoted by the administration to the strengthening of consular public work in foreign affairs abroad and at home.

The cooperation between the new consular divisions in Washington and the industries they represent has been so effective that a group of many more practical and definite inquiries are now coming to the bureau than was formerly the case. The daily number of queries on foreign trade problems addressed to the department has risen from about 600 or 700 last September to 1,800 or 2,000 at present. A number of high grade specialists are to be assigned to the offices of the department maintained at London, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Madrid and elsewhere in Europe for it is appreciated that special care must be taken to guard our commercial interests in Europe during the coming year.

A new office is to be opened at Athens for the purpose of studying more carefully the opportunities for American trade that are constantly arising in the Mediterranean area, and an expert on trade with the Balkans and the Near East has been selected to look after that area. Trade commissioners are to be kept at strategic points in Europe and Asia to study commercial developments in Russia. A permanent office is to be established in Havana, and the remainder of the West Indies will be under the watchful eye of a trade commissioner. A new post will be established in Colombia to look after American commercial interests, and a special study of Central America is under consideration. The existing offices in Latin America will be strengthened by sending additional commissioners and clerks to Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City and elsewhere. In the Far East new offices will be opened at Calcutta and Hongkong, the latter to cover Siam, French Indo-China, the Federated Malay States, the Straits Settlements, the Dutch East Indies, and Southern China; and a new commissioner will be sent to Melbourne, Australia.

Provision will be made in the Washington office for a division to serve the needs of our chemical industry, for a foreign finance division, for an expert on international cable and wireless communication in its commercial aspects, a specialist on packing for export, etc. A special division is to be opened to advise on matters of export technique, merchandising problems, and to handle problems dealing with specialties. The division of foreign traffics is to be materially strengthened.

EDUCATION MOST ESSENTIAL

We often hear the subject of illiteracy lightly dismissed with the assertion that it is centered among the negroes in the south. But although it is true that the percentage of illiteracy is high among negroes, it is equally true according to the census that there are in Louisiana 78,800 native white illiterates of native parents; in Georgia, 67,000, and in Kentucky, 110,000. That illiteracy is not a sectional problem is shown by the fact that in the state of New York there are 425,000 illiterates; in Massachusetts, 136,000; in California, 95,000; in Maine, 20,000; and the same applies to nearly every state in the union.

We talk of America as the land of opportunity. We assume that every child in this country has the opportunity to get an education. True enough, but that is not sufficient. To make this opportunity available it is essential to indicate into every child a longing for an education. Education is one of the most potent assets of a nation, and our educational system should be built upon a basis of attractive, useful, desirable and accessible.

What, then, is the answer? In order to remove this lack of education and literacy to the minimum, two things are called for, the establishment of the best educational system that can be devised, and the enactment as well as the enforcement of laws that will safeguard this system and render its application as nearly as possible perfect.

Note the number of small boys who serve you during school hours as hawkboys, as hootchicks, as messengers, etc. Why are they growing up without the schooling so necessary to them in their success in life? Partly because of a general carelessness in the enforcement of school attendance laws, partly because relief laws are inadequate to cope with the situation and partly because we tacitly condone this offense against the law ourselves by giving employment to children at an age during which they ought to go to school.

PLAIN CLAT TRAP

In an address before the National Democratic club in New York former Gov. James M. Cox, in urging a continuation of the campaign to have this country join the league of nations, grows despondent over the return of prosperity unless his recipe is accepted. He implies that, in his opinion a great mistake was made by the voters in the last election. "In the calm review of history," he says, "the period and events in question will be referred to as the madness of 1920." If we had lifted our voice for international cooperation, we would today be prosperous. As one surveys conditions at Washington, he finds little ground for hope of stable prosperity. "It is a rather gloomy picture he paints, but then who would deny him the boon? If anyone ever had cause for feeling hopeless he has and if he sees a sadder future, let him go to it. He was "the madness of 1920" and he has not recovered.

There might have been point to his utterances had he cited the prosperity which prevails in the nations in the league. That tying themselves in this organization has no removed their industrial troubles is, of course, well known, nor would it have solved the problem had the United States become a member. No league would have removed the debts, readjusted the taxes and reprimations of Europe. In fact Cox's utterances are the merest clap trap and are worthy of notice only because he was the last democratic candidate for president. His unfitness for such an honor is again demonstrated. That the right kind of a league would have a beneficial effect in some lines is admitted, but no league which could be devised will of itself restore prosperity. That will be accomplished only by individuals collectively going to work to produce something that the world needs and produce it at a price that the world can pay.

JUSTICE AND REASON

Angered by the railroad labor board's acceptance of evidence from public organizations in connection with the wage controversy, B. M. Jewell, leader of the railroad workers' bolting the hearing, with representatives of 2,000,000 rail employees. The action, he explains, was a protest against the policy of the board which a year ago admitted, as pertinent, evidence on the railroads' ability to pay certain wages, and which now admits evidence on the shippers' ability to pay certain rates.

"Congress established the labor board to fix just and reasonable wages," he says. "The board has no authority to listen to evidence and to make its decisions on evidence which has nothing to do with what are 'just and reasonable' wages." Such an argument almost leaves us gasping. What does the man mean? What are "just and reasonable" wages? Just to whom? Reasonable, by what standard? Any disinterested judge or observer or arbitrator in the world, we believe,

would declare that justice and reason in fixing of wages must of necessity take into consideration the ability of the employer to pay as well as the capacity of the worker to earn. It should be obvious that a railroad with a total income of \$1,000,000 a month cannot pay out \$100,000 for supplies and \$900,000 for wages and continue in business. It must provide something on investment. Even the worker would admit that if he had bought a little stock with some of his savings

Clearly, the only way in which wages could be maintained would be to increase income by increasing rates. So justice and reason must admit evidence on rates, despite the Jewell contention. But higher rates may cut off business and reduce total income. So justice and reason must admit evidence on the ability of the shippers to pay.

What, then, is a "just and reasonable wage"? It must be a wage which takes into consideration both the ability of the railroad to pay and the ability of the worker to earn. Justice and reason must seek an equitable division of whatever monies are available. More than that they cannot hope to do.

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